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SUBJ: VISIT OF LARG AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL

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1. DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS AND OTHER COMMITMENTS, SCHRAMM DEPARTING U.S. FOR ROME MARCH 20 ARRIVING TRIPOLI NLT MARCH 23 P.M. WILL CONTACT EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL.

2. DEPARTURE OF CONSULTANT TEAM DRS. FLY, BITTINGER AND SELTZER STILL DEPENDENT UPON INVITATIONS, PROCESSING PASSPORTS, VISA, TRAVEL EXPENSE AND FEE ARRANGEMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, DR. SELTZER MUST DEPART FOR SUDAN, MARCH 22, AND COULD MEET TEAM IN TRIPOLI MARCH 30. SELTZER EXPECTS TO OBTAIN LIBYAN VISA IN KHARTOUM, STAYING GRAND HOTEL. IF SELTZER HAS NOT HEARD RE LIBYAN TRIP BY MARCH 28 HE MUST THEN PROCEED TO NAIROBI, STAYING INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

3. COMMERCE ADVISED DR. BITTINGER MAY BE REPLACED ON UNCLASSIFIED

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TEAM BY ASSOCIATE OF HIS FIRM, HAROLD LESLIE READ, JR.

HYDROLOGIST AND GROUND WATER GEOLOGIST. ADD READ TO
LIST INVITEES BUT DO NOT DELETE BITTINGER.

4. IT NOW APPEARS TEAM CANNOT BEGIN PRELIMINARY
STUDY PRIOR MARCH 30, EVEN IF ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS
CAN BE COMPLETED BY THAT TIME. ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER
VISIT BY TEAM STILL DESIRED BY LARG AND WHAT ACTIONS
NOW REQUIRED BY COMMERCE.

5. TEAM MEMBERS BELIEVE ONE WEEK (6 WORK DAYS) FOR
COMPLETION OF PRELIMINARY STUDY. LEADER OF TEAM
DR. FLY INDICATES NORMAL FEE THIS TYPE WORK ABROAD
IS DOLS 300 PER DAY PER CONSULTANT PLUS TRAVEL/LIVING EXPENSES.
FLY WOULD NEED THIS CONFIRMED IN WRITING PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.
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